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| Filed: <b>Herewith</b>                                 | ) |                             |
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| For: <b>Associated Device of a Composite Restraint</b> | ) |                             |
| <b>System for Securing Freight</b>                     | ) |                             |

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above identified application, please enter the following amendments and consider the appended remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.


**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA on January 29, 2004.

  
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